WORD OF THE LORD

Fortunes of Many Men Made or

BY THE WIFELY INFLUENCE

Dr. Telmage Discourses on an Extransity Interesting Subject-A Great Woman of the Day.

Talmage's sermon of last Sunday was need on II Kings iv. 8. The hötel of our time had no counter-

The hotel of our time had no counterpart in any entertainment of olden time. The vast majority of travelers must then be entertained at private abode. Here comes Eliata, a servant of the Lord, on a divine mission, and he must not shelter. A balcomy overlooking the valley of Estimoton is offered him in a private house, and it is especially furnished for his occupancy—a chair to sit on, a table from which to sat, a candlestick by which to read and a bed on which to alumber—the whole establishent belonging to a great and good wo-

man,
Her husband it, seems, was a godly man, but he was entirely overshadowed by his wife's excellencies, just as now you sometimes find in a household the wife the center of dignity and infinence and power, not by any arrogance or presumption, but by superior intellect and force of moral nature wielding domestic affairs and at the same time supervising all financial and business affairs, the wife's hand on the shuttle, on the banking house, on the worldly business. You see hundreds of men who are successful only because there is a reason at home why they are successful.

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If a man marry a good, honest soul, he makes his fortune. If he marry a fool, the Lord help him! The wife may be the ellent partner in the firm, there may be only masculine voices down on ex-change, but there oftentime comes from the home circle a potential and clevating

A SUPERIOR WOMAN.

This woman of my text was the en-perior of her husband. He, as far as I can understand, was what we often see in our day—a man of large fortune and only a modicum of brain, intensely quiet, sitting a long while in the same place

only a modicum of brain, intensely quiet, sitting a long while in the same place without moving hand or foot—if you say "yes," responding "yes," if you say "no," responding "no"—inane, eyes half shut, mouth wide open, maintaining his position in society only because he has a large patrimony. But his wife, my text says, was a great woman.

Her name has not come down to us. She belonged to that collection of people who need no name to distinguish them. What would title of duchess or princess or queen—what would escutcheon or gleaming diadem—be to this woman of my text, who, by her intelligence and her behavior, challenges the admiration of all ages? Long after the brilliant women of the court of Lonia XV have been forgotten, and the brilliant women of the court of Spain have been forgotten, and the brilliant women of the court of Spain have been forgotten, some grandfather will put on his spectacles, and holding the book the other side the light read to his grandchildren the story of this great woman of Shuthe story of this great woman of Shunem who was so kind and conrecons and Christian to the good prophet Elisha.

Yes, she was a great woman. In the first place, she was great in her hospitalities. Uncivilized and barbarous nations honor this virtue. Jupiter had the surname of the bospitable, and he was said especially to avenge the wrongs of strangers. Homer extolled it in his verse. The Arabs are punctilious upon this subject, and among some of their tribes it is not until the ninth day of tarrying that the occupant has a right to sek his guest, "Who and whence art thou?" If this virtue is so honored even among barbarians, how ought it to be ed among those of us who believe in the Bible, which commands us to use hospitality one toward another without

Of course I do not mean under this power to give any idea that I approve of that vagrant class who go around from place to place ranging their whole lifetime perhaps under the auspices of some benevolent or philanthropic socie-ty, quartering themselves on Christian families, with a great pile of trunks in the half and carpethag portentous of tarrying. There is many a country personage that looks out week by week upon the ominous arrival of wagon with ereaking wheel and lank horse and dilapidated driver, come under the auspiese of some charitable institution to spend a few weeks and canvass the peighborhood. Let no such religious tramps take advantage of this beautiful virtue of Christian hospitality, SHACES OF HOSPITALITY.

Not so much the sampluousness of your dist and the regality of your abode will impress the friend or the stranger that steps across your threshold as the warmth of your greeting, the informality of your reception, the retleration by group and by look and by a thousand attentions, insignificant attentions, of your earnestness of welcome. There will be high appreciation of your wel-nome, although you have nothing but the bracen candlestick and the plain charr to offer Elisha when he comes to

Most beautiful is this grace of hospitality when shown in the house of God. I am thankful that I am paster of a church where strangers are always welcome, and there is not a state in the Union in which I have not beard the affability of the ushers of our charoly complimented. But I have estered churches where there was no hospitality. A stranger would stand in the restibule for awhile and then make pligrimage up the long aids. No door opened to him until, finshed and exceled and embarramed, he started back again, and coming to some half filled pew with apploputic air entered it, while the occupants glared in him with a look which seemed to say. "Well, if I must, ! most." Away with such accursed in-

formery from the homes of God! Let every cherch that would maintain large Christian influence in community cul-ture Sabiath by Sabinsh this beautiful grace of Christian hospitality. A good years fraveling in the far west,

in the windowness, was overtaken by night and storm, and he put in at a cabin. Home fromthe along the beams of the cabin, and he felt alarmed. He did not leave but that he had failed take a den of thieres. He sat there greatly

perturbed. After awhite the man of the house cause bome with a gun on his abculder and set it down in a corner. The stranger was still more alarmed.

After awhile the man of the house whispered with his wife, and the stratger thought his destruction was being

ward and said to the stranger: "Stranger, we are a rough and rule people out here, and we work hard for a living. We make our living by hunting, and when we come to the nightfall we are tired, and we are apt to go to bed early, and before retiring we are always in the habit of reading a chapter from the word of God and making a prayer. If you don't like such things, if you will just step outside the door until we get through I'll be greatly obliged to you." Of course the stranger tarried in the room, and the old hunter took hold of the horns of the altar and brought down the blessing of God upon his household and upon the stranger within their gates. Rule but glorious Christian hospitality!

WELCOME GOD'S MESSENGER.

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Again, this woman in my text was great in her kindness toward God's mea-senger. Elisha may have been a stran-ger in that household, but as she found out he had come on a divine mission be was cordially welcome. We have a great many books in our day about the hardships of ministers and the trials of Christian ministers. I wish somebody would write a book about the joys of the Christian minister—about the sympathics all around him, about the kindnesses, about the genial considerations of him.

Does sorrow come to our home and is there as shadow on the cradie, there are hundreds of hands to help, and many who weary not through the long night watching, and hundreds of prayers going up that God would restore the sick. Is there a burning, brimming cup of calamity placed on the pastor's table, are there not many to help him to drink of that cup and who will not be comforted because he is stricken? Oh, for somebody to write a book about the rewards of the Christian minister—about his surroundings of Christian sympathy!

This woman of the text was only a type of thousands of men and women who come down from the mansion and from the cot to do kindness to the Lord's servants. I suppose the men of Shunem had to pay the bills, but it was the large hearted Christian sympathies of the women of Shunem that looked after the Lord's messenger. Does sorrow come to our home and is

women of Shunem that looked after the Lord's messenger.

Again, this woman in the text was great in her behavior under trouble.

Her only son had died on her lap. A very bright light went out in that household. The sacred writer puts it very tersely when he says, "He sat on her the writer goes on to say that she exhauses until noon, and then he died." Yet claimed, "It is well?" Great in prosperity, this woman was great in trouble.

THE SAHARA OF SORROW.

Where are the feet that have not been blistered on the hot sands of this great Sahara? Where are the shoulders that have not been bent under the burden of grief? Where is the ship sailing over glassy sea that has not after awhile been caught in a cyclone? Where is the gardon of earthly comfort but trouble hath hitched up its fiery and panting team and gone through it with burning plowshare of disaster? Under the pelting of ages of suffering the great heart of the world has burst with wee.

Nextentow tell me about the vivers and has burst with woe.

Navigators tell us about the rivers, and the Amazon and the Danube and the Mississippi have been explored, but who can tell the depth or length of the great river of sorrow made up of tears and blood rolling through all lands and all bearing the wreck of families and of communities and of empires—foam-ing, writhing, boiling with the agonies of \$,000 years? Etna and Cotopari and Vesuvius have been described, but who has ever sketched the volcano of suffer-ing retching up from its depths the lava and the scoria and pouring them down the sides to whelm the pations? Oh, if I could gather all the heartstrings, the broken heartstrings, into a harp I would play on it a dirgo such as was never

Mythologists tell us of Gorgon and Centeur and Titan, and geologists tell us of extinct species of monsters, but greater than Gordon or megatherium, and not belonging to the realm of fable, and not of an extinct species, is a monster with iron jaw and iron hoofs walking across the nations, and history and poetry and sculpture, in their attempt to sketch it and describe it, have seemed to sweat great drops of blood, CHRISTIAN PORTITUDE.

But, thank God, there are those who can conquer as this woman of the text conquered and say: "It is well! Though my property be gone, though my chil-dren be gone, though my home be broken up, though my health be ascrificed, it is well, it is well?" There is no storm on the sea but Christ is ready to rise in the hinder part of the ship and hush it. There is no darkness but the constellations of God's eternal love can illumine it, and though the winter comes out of the northern sky you have sometimes seen the northern sky all ablase with auroras that seem to say: "Come up this way. Up this way are thrones of light, and seas of sapphire, and the splender of an eternal heaven. Come up this way." We may like the addys, by tempest be tossed. On perious deeps, but cannot be lost. Though sature energy the wind and the tide, The promise assures as the Lord will provide.

I heard an echo of my text in a very dark hour, when my father lay dying, and the old country minister said to him, "Mr. Taimage, how do you feel now as you are about to pass the Jerlan of death?" He replied—and it was the last thing he ever said-"I feel well; I feel very well; all is well," lifting his hand in a benediction, a speechless benediction, which I pray God may go down through all the generations. It is well!

Of course it was well. Again, this woman of my text was great in her application to domestic duties. Every picture is a home picture, whether she is entertaining an Elisha, or whether she is giving careful attention to her sick boy, or whether she is appeal-ing for the restoration of her property every picture in her case is a home pic-Shanenite woman who, going out to atand to entails charities, neglect the duty of home—the duty of wife, of mother, of laughter. No faithfulness in public benon can ever atoge for domestic neg

There has been many a mother who by indefatigable toll has reared a large family of skildren, equipping them for the duties of life with good manners and large intelligence and Christian principle, starting them out, who has done

more for the world than many smother woman whose name has sounded through all the lands and through all centuries.

I remember when Kossuth was in this country there were some ladies who get reputation, honorable reputation, by presenting him very gracefully with honquets of flowers on public occasions, but what was all that compared with the work of the plain Hungarian mother who gave to truth and civilisation and the cause of universal liberty a Kossuth! Yes, this woman of my text was great in her simplicity.

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SUMLIFY.

When the prophet wanted to reward her for her hospitality by asking some preferment from the king, what did she say? She declined it. She said: "I dwell among my own people," as much as to say: "L am satisfied with my lot. All I want is my family and my friends around me. I dwell among my own people." Oh, what a rebuke to the strife for precedence in all ages!

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How many there are who want to get great architecture and homes furnished with all art, all painting, all statuary, who have not enough taste to distinguish between gothic and byzantine, and who could not tell a figure in plaster of paris from Palmer's "White Captive," and would not know a boy's penciling from Bierstadt's "Yosemite"—men who bey large libraries by the square foot, buying these libraries when they have hardly enough education to pick out the day of the almanae! Oh, how many there are striving to have things as well as their neighbors, or better than their neighbors, and in the struggle vast fortunes are exhausted and business firms thrown into bankruptey, and men of reputed honesty rush into astounding forgures.

Of course I say nothing against refinement or culture. Splendor of abode, sumptuousness of diet, lavishness in art, neatness in apparel—there is nothing against them in the Bible or out of the Bible. God does not want us to prefer mud hovel to English cottage, or untanued sheepskin to Free ch broadcloth, or husks to pineapple, or the clumsiness of a boor to the manners of a gentleman. God, v he strung the beach with tinted shell and the grass of the field with the dews of the night and hath exquisitely tinged morning cloud and robin red breast, wants us to keep our eye open to all beautiful cadences, and our heart open to all elevating sentiments. But what I want to impress upon you is that you ought not to depreciate this woman of the text, who, when offered kingly preferment, responded, "I dwell among my own people."

WOMAN'S DEET TO CHEISTLANITY.

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WOMAN'S DEST TO CHRISTIANTY.

Yea, this woman of the text was great in her piety, faith in God, and she was not ashamed to talk about it before idolaters. Ah, woman will never appreciate what she owes to Christianity until she knows and sees the degradation of her sex under paganism and Mohammedanism. Her very birth considered a misfortune. Sold like cattle in the shambles. Slave of all work, and at last her body fuel for the funeral pyreof her husband.

Above the shrink of the fire worshipers in India and above the rumbling of the juggernauts I hear the million voiced green of wronged, insulted, broken hearted, downtrodden woman. Her tears have fallen in the Kile and Tigris and the La Pista and on the steppes of of Tartary. She has been dishonored in and Persi Spanish Alhambra. Her little ones have been sacrificed in the Ganges. There is not a gross, or a dungeon, or an island, or a mountain, or a river, or a see but could tell a story of the outrages

saped upon her. But, thanks to God, this glorious Chrisity comes forth, and all the chains of tianity comes forth, and all the chains of this vassalage are snapped, and she rises up from ignominy to exalted sphere and becomes the affectionate daughter, the gentle wife, the honored mother, the quarter of the companient of the companient of the useful Christian. Oh, if Christianity has done so much for woman, surely woman will become its most ardent advocate and its sublimest exemplification! When I come to speak of womanly in-fluence, my mind always wanders off to one model—the aged one who, 97 years age, we put away for the resurrection. About 87 years age, and just before their

About 87 years ago, and just before their marriage day, my father said mother stood up in the old meeting house at Somerville, N. J., and took upon them the vows of the Christian. Through a long life of vicissitude she lived harmlessly and usefully and came to her end in peace. No child of want ever came to her door and was turned empty away. No one in sorrow came to her comforted. No one asked her the way to be saved but she pointed him to the cross. When the angel of life came to a neighbor's dwelling, she was there to re-joice at the starting of another immortal spirit. When the angel of death came to a neighbor's dwelling, she was there to

robe the departed for the burial.

We had often heard her, when leading family prayers in the absence of my father, say, "O Lord, I ask not for my children wealth or honor, but I do ask that they all may be the subjects of thy com-forting grace!" Her 11 children brought into the kingdom of God, she had but one more wish, and that was that she might see her long absent missionary son, and when the ship from China an-chored in New York harbor and the long shaent one passed over the threshold of his paternal home she said, "Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

The prayer was soon answered. It was an autumnal day when we gathered from afar and found only the house from which the soul had ded forever. She looked very natural, the hands very much as when they were employed in kindness for her children. Whatever else we forget, we never forget the look of mother's hands. As we stood there by the carket we could not help but my, "Don't she look beantiful?" It was a cloudless day when, with heavy hearts, we carried her out to the last resting



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place. The withered leaves crumbles under hoof and wheel as we passed, and the sun shone on the Raritan river until it looked like fire; but more calm and beautiful and radiant was the setting sun of that aged pilgrim's life. No more toil, no more tears, no more sickness, no more death. Dear mother! Beautiful mother!

mother!

Sweet is the alumber beneath the sod,
While the pure spirit rests with God.

I need not go back and show you Zear
obia or Semiramis or Isabella or even
the woman of the text as wonders of
womanly excellence or greatness when
I in this moment point to your own picture gallery of memory, and show you
the one face that you remember so well,
and arouse all your holy reminiscences,
and start you in new consecration to
God by the pronunciation of that ander,
beautiful, glorious word, "Mother, mother!"

Mr. Boberts' Cheek For a Cont. A few days ago a story was published of a check for 4 cents drawn on a New York national bank and ported as a curiosity in the effice of a heavy broker in Wall street. T. P. Roberts of this city has a draft which as a curiosity outranks the 4 cent check and is on a par with the famous Bank of England note for a penny.

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of those high in authority.

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Treasurer's Notice.

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Grand Rapide, Mich., August 4, 1822.

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment roll for the improvement of finetwick street from Lyon street to Park street, is now in my hands, and that I will receive payment thereon for the period of twenty days from the date of the city treasurer, city half, and 23. M. H. BORKICK, City Treasurer.

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Grand Rapide, Mich., August a 1900.

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